GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:470
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2001
FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any high level team of veterinary experts comprising top officials of Central Government have visited the villages ofvarious States particularly in Haryana, where cattle have been affected by the foot and mouth disease;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the guidelines issued by the experts team to the villagers;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to control this disease; and

(d) the specific assistance being provided by the Union Government to each State to control the epidemic?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table on the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION TO BE ANSWI ON 19th APRIL,2001

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Recently, in the wake of outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Diseasein certain areas of Haryana and Punjab, a team consisting of Animal Husbandry Commissioner and National Project Coordinator, of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India andDirector and other senior officers of Animal Husbandry Department, Government of Haryana, visited some villages in the Districts of Rewari and Gurgaon of Haryana.The team assessed the situation, interacted with the villagers, discussed the situation with the State Government officials and collected necessary information with regard to the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease.In village Gokulgarh of Rewari District in Haryana, out of a total of 1000 cattle and buffaloes, 50 animals were affected due to Foot and Mouth Disease.During the course of the disease, 11 deaths were recorded of which 8 were adult animals. There had been no fresh case of Foot and Mouth Disease and also no death after 22-2-2001 in Gokulgarh.

The Expert Team has also issued certain guidelines and advised certain measures to contain the disease. The major points are
(i) to report any suspected case of Foot and Mouth Disease, Hemorrhagic Septicemia or any other disease to the nearest Veterinary Hospital immediately,
(ii) to get the unaffected animals vaccinated against Foot and Mouth Disease, and Hemorrhagic Septicemia,
(iii) to use disinfectant,
(iv) to provide the animals with suitable feed,
(v) to stop grazing of animals,
(vi) to stop sending animals to cattle markets, and
(vii) to get the affected animals treated.

(c) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India haveadvised all the State Governments and Union Territories to remain vigilant and take necessary steps on war footing in order to prevent the occurrence and spread of the disease. Further, the States have been advised to undertake vaccination of unaffected animals against Foot and Mouth Disease and to control movement of animals. The Department have requested the Ministry of Commerce to ensure that importation of livestock and livestock products from United Kingdom are not allowed without recommendation of the Department. The Regional and Animal Quarantine Officers have also been instructed to carefully screen all the consignments of livestock and livestock products from United Kingdom in order to prevent ingress of the disease.

(d) Under the Foot and Mouth Disease Control Program (which is a component of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme- Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases) funds are provided to the State Governments for vaccination of animals against Foot and Mouth Disease. The details of funds provided to the States and Union Territories for this component during the Ninth Plan period are at Annexure.

Annexure

Assistance provided by the Union Government to each State/Union Territory to control Foot and Mouth Disease during the last four years

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of State/UT.	1997-98	98-99	99-2000	2000-2001	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	Nil	Nil	3.00	0.18	3.18
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1.75	3.00	2.00	2.00	8.75
3	Assam	Nil	20.00	Nil	Nil	20.00
4	Bihar	Nil	25.00	Nil	Nil	25.00
5	Chattisgarh	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Goa	4.00	0.55	1.36	2.00	7.91
7	Gujarat	3.50	30.00	Nil	29.05	62.55
8	Haryana	Nil	8.50	6.66	12.34	27.50
9	Himachal Pradesh	6.00	6.60	6.50	10.00	29.10
10	Jammu & Kashmir	4.00	Nil	4.00	Nil	8.00
11	Jharkand	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
12	Karnataka	50.00	Nil	65.00	27.83	142.83
13	Kerala	Nil	6.079	4.00	3.50	13.579
14	Madhya Pradesh	57.27	Nil	4.42	1.23	62.92
15	Maharashtra	15.40	Nil	43.26	30.00	88.66
16	Manipur	2.00	Nil	5.00	Nil	7.00
17	Meghalaya	1.60	Nil	5.00	2.33	8.93
18	Mizoram	8.00	9.00	6.33	15.00	38.33
19	Nagaland	10.40	Nil	1.00	5.00	16.40
20	Orissa	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
21	Punjab	25.00	Nil	75.00	Nil	100.00
22	Rajasthan	Nil	Nil	2.58	9.37	11.95
23	Sikkim	7.00	Nil	Nil	5.00	12.00
24	Tamil Nadu	20.00	Nil	6.50	13.50	40.00
25	Tripura	4.52	Nil	19.66	27.20	51.38
26	Uttar Pradesh	29.50	50.00	28.73	36.00	144.23
27	Uttranchal	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
28	West Bengal	30.00	25.00	Nil	30.00	85.00
	Total States	279.94	183.729	290.00	261.53	1015.199
1	A & N Islands	Nil	Nil	1.00	7.00	8.00
2	Chandigarh	0.70	Nil	0.80	0.80	2.30
3	D. & N Haveli	0.40	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.40
4	Daman Diu	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	Delhi	8.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	8.00
6	Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil	0.20	1.00	1.20
7	Pondicherry	0.50	Nil	1.50	Nil	2.00
	Total UTs.	9.60	Nil	3.50	8.80	21.90
	GRAND TOTAL	289.54	183.729	293.50	270.33	1037.099